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ceed to sea via the Manchester Ship Canal and the Mersey without stopping at this port. I am informed that these vessels carry no passengers and that their cargoes, if any, are exclusively of British origin. It is my purpose to proceed to Manchester and to report upon the condition of affairs there, as soon as it is possible for me to absent myself from Liverpool for a day. Nothing worthy of note has occurred in the passenger or freight situation during the past week.

Respectfully,

H. S. MATHEWSON,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND, *January 29, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report concerning the transactions of the Service at this port during the week ended January 27, 1900: The health of Liverpool is good, no quarantinable disease being reported. The subepidemic of influenza mentioned in my previous reports has largely abated. Nineteen vessels cleared for United States ports during the week; of these, 4 were not inspected. Nothing of interest has occurred in regard to emigrant traffic. In regard to freight, it has been deemed advisable to quarantine at this port for thirty days Persian wool shipped through Persian Gulf ports on account of the reported presence of plague at Bagdad and Bushire.

Respectfully,

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Reports from Southampton.

SOUTHAMPTON, ENGLAND, *January 22, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that the following vessels were inspected at this port during the week ended January 20, 1900: Friday, January 19, steamship *Aller*, of the North German-Lloyd Line, bound for New York with passengers and cargo. There were inspected and passed 1 steerage and 2 second-cabin passengers, and Saturday, January 20, steamship *Saint Louis*, of the American Line, bound for New York with passengers and cargo. There were inspected and passed 190 steerage and 105 second-cabin passengers and 64 pieces of large and 240 pieces of small luggage. There were rejected 8 immigrants, all for trachoma, and 4 pieces of large luggage, all of which were made up of old bedding, pillows, etc., which will be disinfected this week before forwarding.

Respectfully,

W. C. HOBDY,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

SOUTHAMPTON, ENGLAND, *January 29, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that the following vessels were inspected at this port during the week ended January 27, 1900: Wednesday, January 24, steamship *Saale*, of the North German Lloyd Line, bound for New York with passengers and cargo. There were inspected and passed 1 second cabin and 4 steerage passengers and 2 small and 2 large pieces of luggage, and Saturday, January 27, steamship *Saint Paul*, of the American Line, bound for New York with passengers and

cargo. There were inspected and passed 90 second cabin and 146 steerage passengers and 40 pieces of large and 165 pieces of small luggage. One steerage passenger was rejected for trachoma. During the week I have disinfected 8 pieces of luggage, made up of old bedding, pillows, and feathers.

Respectfully,

W. C. HOBDY.

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

FRANCE.

Report from Marseilles.

MARSEILLES, FRANCE, *January 27, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report of transactions at this port for the week ended January 27, 1900:

Only 1 vessel, the French steamer *Neustria*, of the Cyprien Fabre Line, has cleared from this port during the week bound for the United States. This vessel carried a general cargo of merchandise but no passengers and was in very good sanitary condition. * * *

The smallpox epidemic is now on the decline and the number of cases is very much lessened; there are still, however, about 200 cases in the municipal hospital here but a large number of them are now convalescent. There are of course many cases which are not reported at all and therefore it is impossible to say with any degree of accuracy just how many cases there are at present in the city.

Respectfully,

G. M. CORPUT,

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

GERMANY.

Report from Bremen.

BREMEN, *January 29, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report of the condition of affairs at the port of Bremen:

On my arrival here, in the latter part of December, I found Vice-Consul Murphy in charge at the consulate, and he was most willing to cooperate with me in carrying out the quarantine regulations as they pertain to foreign ports. He had already, by his own efforts, improved the methods in operation at this port, and with suggestions from Dr. Wasdin, on his inspecting tour, still more was accomplished in this line.

I found Dr. Peltzer employed in the inspection of emigrants, as he has been since 1892, but his attention is more directed to the exclusion of passengers under the immigration laws than the enforcement of the quarantine regulations. With the assistance of the ships' surgeons, he vaccinates all emigrants, whether they show marks of successful vaccination or not, or have evidence of a genuine attack of smallpox. My opinion of this part of the work, as conducted by Dr. Peltzer, coincides with the opinion expressed in the report of Dr. Wasdin, that it is done in a careful and painstaking manner.

As regards the disinfection of baggage I found the condition very unsatisfactory. In the first place the steam chamber is of very diminu-